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Auto Smashes Into Embankment, Sideswipes Utility Pole on U. S. 1

Paul H. Curran, 19, of Fairland, Montgomery County, Md., was fatally injured early yesterday in an automobile accident at the Beltsville curve on U. S. 1, in which five other persons were hurt, police reported.

State Trooper Charles F. Gowans said an auto driven by Christopher E. Cramer, Jr., 24, of Fairland, was southbound when the operator lost control at the curve, crossed into the northbound lane, veered back into the other lane, struck an embankment, sideswiped a utility pole and came to a stop 50 feet past the pole.

Curran was pronounced dead on arrival at Leland Memorial Hospital. Dr. John T. Maloney, Prince Georges County medical examiner, said the youth died of a fractured skull, and

issued a certificate of accidental death.

Cramer was treated at Leland for multiple face cuts, and was being held yesterday in \$1100 bond at Hyattsville on charges of manslaughter and reckless driving, Gowans said.

Gowans listed the others injured as:

Ruth Frances Cramer, 23, the driver's sister and a Central Intelligence Agency clerk. She was admitted to Leland in "fair" condition with a possible skull fracture, a fractured left hand, concussion and multiple lacerations.

Rachel Marie Cramer, 18, another sister of Cramer's and a senior at Montgomery Blair High School. She was treated at Prince Georges General Hospital for a lacerated right knee and head cuts.

Ellen E. Jones, 17, of Brookhaven drive, Silver Spring, a Montgomery Blair senior. She was admitted to Prince Georges General Hospital in "good" condition with possible fractured ribs and a forehead cut.

Robert Lee Harding, 23, of Laurel, who was treated at Leland for a lacerated right eye and left thumb.

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